



IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the title with the following new title:

--VACUUM CLEANER WITH THERMAL CUTOFF--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 29 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 30 to read as follows:

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- 1 *Sole* 30. (amended) A vacuum cleaner comprising:
- 2 a lower base unit;
- 3 an upper enclosure for housing a filter bag, the upper enclosure being pivotable
- 4 with respect to the lower base unit;
- 5 a motor disposed within the lower base unit;
- 6 a power cord having a first end affixed to at least one of said upper portion and
- 7 said base unit, and a second end adapted for connecting to an electrical power source;
- 8 electrical conductors extending between said first end of said power cord and said
- 9 motor, said electrical conductors defining an electrical power circuit to said motor; and
- 10 a thermal cutoff assembly including a temperature sensor disposed proximate to
- 11 said motor for measuring the temperature of said motor, said thermal cutoff assembly
- 12 further including a switching element in electrical association with said electrical
- 13 conductors, wherein upon the temperature sensor sensing a temperature greater than a
- 14 predetermined temperature setpoint, said switching element opens said electrical power
- 15 circuit;
- 16 wherein once said switching element has opened said electrical power circuit, said
- 17 switching element closes said electrical power circuit only upon the temperature sensor